

COVENTRY TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Regular Meeting of July 14, 2022

The Coventry Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the Coventry Township Community Center, 335 E. Willowview Drive, Coventry Township, Ohio 44319.

Call to Order:

Vice Chairman Edward Diebold called the meeting to order and asked Administrator, Anna Bryant to record the following Trustees present: George Beckham (absent – Vacation); Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Two Trustees were recorded present.

Pledge of Allegiance

Old Business:

Approval of Minutes

220714-01 Jeff Houck made a motion to approve and dispense with the reading of the minutes of the Regular Meeting and Workshop of June 9, 2022. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

New Business:

Public Hearing - Zoning Resolution Text Addition – Commercial Lighting

Edward Diebold explained that the Coventry Township Zoning Commission (ZC) recommended text revisions to the zoning resolution regarding commercial lighting at a public hearing on April 19th, 2022. The Summit County Planning Commission approved the proposed text addition, with comments and recommendations, at the May 26th, 2022 monthly meeting. The zoning commission held a 2nd public hearing on June 21, 2022, for a review of the revisions and has recommended approval before the Board of Trustees takes final action.

The Board of Trustees may adopt, modify or table this proposed addition. If approved, this text change becomes effective 30 days after action by the Board of Trustees.

Edward Diebold asked if anyone in the audience would like to speak for/against. There was no one to speak. Mike Harrison explained that currently there is no lighting in our code and this will only apply to new commercial development.

220714-02 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve the proposed addition of Article 29 regarding Commercial Lighting to the Coventry Zoning Resolution as approved by the Coventry Township Zoning Commission. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

End public hearing

Notice to Legislative Authority – Liquor License Permit

Edward Diebold explained that we have received a notice to legislative authority for the transfer of ownership of a C2-C2X-D6 Liquor Permit from J&S Brand, Inc. DBA Handy Jim’s Drive-Thru, 1174 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319 to Shanta, LLC, DBA Handy Jim’s Drive-Thru, 1174 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319. A response must be postmarked no later than 7/25/2022.

220714-03 Jeff Houck made a motion to not request a hearing for the transfer of ownership of a C2-C2X-D6 Liquor Permit from J&S Brand, Inc. DBA Handy Jim’s Drive-Thru, 1174 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319 to Shanta, LLC, DBA Handy Jim’s Drive-Thru, 1174 Portage Lakes Drive, Coventry Twp., OH 44319. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Reports by Department Heads

Dave Koontz, Summit County Engineer Representative reported on County Engineer activity in the Township. Portage Lakes Drive will be paved before the next meeting between the Clock Tower and S. Main Street. He explained that this will be his last meeting as a representative to the Township, he is being moved

to a different area of the County. He introduced Chuck Hauber as our new representative and explained that Chuck is also a resident of the Portage Lakes area so he is familiar with the community.

Adam Rockich, Fire Chief reported 241 alarms in June with 102 of them transported to hospitals. Our run numbers are up from last year by 135 for a total of 1,172 to date. We received mutual aid 20 times in the last month and gave mutual aid 30 times. These included fire and dive responses. He explained that he has also begun tracking how often we are responding to multiple alarms. There were 48 instances of multiple calls at the same time over the last month.

2022-2023 Training & Equipment Grant

Adam Rockich explained that these funds are made available to eligible EMS agencies in Ohio to purchase approved training and EMS equipment items. The funding from the State of Ohio is provided entirely from seat belt fines collected in Ohio. The reimbursement grant award is \$661.23 and there are no matching funds required from Coventry Fire Department. This amount has decreased quite a bit over the last few years due to revenue loss.

220714-04 Jeff Houck made a motion to accept the 2022-2023 Training and Equipment Grant administered by the Ohio Department of Public Safety in the amount of \$661.23. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Mike Harrison, Zoning Inspector noted that the BZA meeting normally held the first Tuesday of the month will be held on August 9th due to the election. Zoning Commission will be next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

Nuisance Abatement - Chaffin Road

Mike Harrison explained that it appears this has been taken care of as of today, but an open ditch in the Township Right-of-Way along Chaffin Rd. was been unlawfully obstructed by the backfilling of soil and other sediments. The ditch must be returned to its normal and intended condition for drainage purposes. He explained he will still need to request the following motion in case further repairs are needed.

220714-05 Jeff Houck made a motion to authorize the Township to coordinate the removal of a ditch obstruction on Township property situated along 881 Chaffin Rd., Coventry Township, OH 44306 and to bring a civil action to collect expenses associated with its removal. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Anna Bryant, Administrator advised that the Administration office renovation project will be underway. She reminded everyone that the August meeting has been moved back by one week and will be held on August 18th at 7 p.m. due to vacation schedules.

Parks Levy - Request for Yield from the Summit County Fiscal Officer

Anna Bryant explained that our parks levy will need to be placed on the November election ballot. Edward Diebold stated that these motions are just to request amounts from the Fiscal Officer so we can decide what to place on the ballot.

220714-06 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve a Resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to certify the yield for the Replacement of an existing .5 mills Parks Levy to be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

220714-07 Edward Diebold made a motion to approve a Resolution requesting the County Fiscal Officer to certify the yield for the Replacement of an existing .5 mills Parks Levy with an increase of .25 mills to be placed on the November 8, 2022 General Election. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Vacation Carry-Over - Fire Chief

Anna Bryant explained that Chief Rockich was unable to use all of his vacation time before his anniversary date.

220714-08 Jeff Houck made a motion to authorize the carry-over of 60 hours of unused vacation time for Fire Chief Adam Rockich to be used by the first full week in September 2022. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

2022 NOPEC Energized Community (NEC) Grant

Anna Bryant explained that this grant is provided by NOPEC to help communities implement energy savings or energy infrastructure measures. This grant will help cover HVAC replacement in Township buildings. Last year's grant in the amount of \$6,100 has been held in escrow and will be combined with this year's grant for a total of \$12,589 to be used toward the project.

220714-09 Edward Diebold made a motion to authorize the filing of an application for the 2022 NEC Grant for \$6,489.00 to be used towards the purchase and installation of energy-efficient HVAC systems to upgrade Township buildings. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

310 Killian – Request to be added to the Coventry-Akron JEDD

Linmar Management, LLC, the property owner at 310 Killian has requested to be added to the Coventry-Akron JEDD for the purpose of tying into City water.

220714-10 Jeff Houck made a motion to acknowledge and approve a request to add the property at 310 Killian Road – parcels 1905667, 1905668, and 1905669 to the Coventry-Akron JEDD for the purpose of tying into City Water service subject to the approval of Akron City Council. Edward Diebold seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Report by the Fiscal Officer:

Anna Bryant advised that David Gissinger is on vacation, but the period to date reports have been presented to the Board.

220714-11 Edward Diebold made a motion to receive all bills and salaries, warrant numbers 74251 to 74367 as certified by Fiscal Officer, David Gissinger, and subject to audit. (A listing of the warrants will be made a part of these minutes.) Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

Reports by Trustees:

Edward Diebold congratulated Don Boyer on the re-opening of the Harbor as Smoke on the Water. It's nice to have it back and it looks great. He advised that we are looking at park improvements – new fencing at Ingleside, hoping to break ground at Logan for a new fieldhouse by the end of the year. We had to remove playground equipment at Lockwood due to insurance reasons so we are looking at replacing that and refurbishing the tennis courts for next year. We will be using ARP funds to assist with these improvements, but will also need passage of the next levy cycle. He stated he's happy to see the parks coming around. He congratulated Dano and his crew on the fireworks display, an amazing job as usual. What a cool place we live in.

Jeff Houck stated he is happy with the progress of the Township departments. There have been a lot of changes and it's great to see things coming to fruition. He congratulated the new owner of Handy Jim's as well as Donnie Boyer for Smoke on the Water. Our community has such a great mix of bedrooms and businesses. He thanked everyone for attending the meeting and stated that after COVID and online meetings, it's always nice to see actual faces at our meetings.

Public Comments:

- Ben Thompson- Greenbay Drive: wanting to know the status of the fire loss at 4087 Greenbay. The house has been a nightmare and he's wanting to know what to expect. There are people squatting there, constantly in and out. Mike Harrison explained that he's waiting on a response from the County Building Department. As far as people in and out of the structure, he has no jurisdiction from a zoning standpoint.
- Debby Donahue -4099 Greenbay Drive: listed a number of other issues at the fire loss house such as shooting, septic leaching into her property, dog breeding, fires. Adam Rockich explained that with the burning complaints, they have to be reported to the Fire Department while the fire is still going. He also recommended calling Akron Air Quality report as well. He further explained the fire department's legal authority.
- Nick TORio – 4075 Greenbay: listed similar complaints and wondered about the actual property owner. A brief discussion was also held on flooding issues on Greenbay as well as junk cars and drug activity. Edward Diebold stated that as the Township we will do what we can to assist with getting it cleaned up.
- Amy – 419 Dorwil Drive: stated she is happy to hear the Clock Tower music again and is looking forward to the new system. Brief discussion over the songs that will be able to be played. Anna Bryant explained that the new system is digital and we will have to see how it all works.

Motion to Adjourn the Meeting:

Edward Diebold made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Jeff Houck seconded the motion. Roll call: Edward Diebold, yes; and Jeff Houck, yes. Motion carried 2-0.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Edward D. Diebold
Vice-Chairman

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Fiscal Officer